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SUBJ: STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS BY SUBSECRETARY FOR FISHERIES

HECTOR MEDINA NERI

REF: MEXICO 5649

1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE HELD JULY 30 AND REPORTED IN
NOVEDADES JULY 31, MEDINA NERI MADE FOLLOWING POINTS
REGARDING TUNA:

A. MEXICO IS OPPOSED TO ANY REGULATORY SYSTEM
IN THE MATTER OF FISHERIES AND IN THE NEGOTIATIONS
WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS FOR THE
REVISION OF FISHERY QUOTAS MEXICO WILL REFUTE THE
SUPPOSED DESIRABILITY OF SUCH QUOTAS.

B. QUOTAS HAVE ONLY AFFECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
LIKE MEXICO AND COUNTRIES WITH LARGE FLEETS DO NOT HAVE
FIXED QUOTAS.

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C. NEGOTIATIONS ARE VERY ADVANCED FOR A 100

MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT FROM IDB NTR AUGMENTING THE TUNA FLEET.

D. MEXICO WILL FIGHT FOR A REGULATORY SYSTEM MORE EQUITABLE FOR LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS IN THE NEXT MEETING OF THE IATTC IN WASHINGTON.

E. NEITHER THE U.S. NOR OTHER COUNTRIES WITH LARGE FLEETS HAVE ENTERED INTO TUNA QUOTA AGREEMENTS AND MEXICO CAN NO LONGER SUPPLY ITSELF WITH ITS PRESENT QUOTA OF 12,000 TONS.

F. REGULATIONS (PRESUMABLY INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS) ARE A BRAKE ON THE ECONOMY AND HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON PROGRAMS OF EXPANSION.

2. IN VIEW OF INCREASING NUMBER OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS REFUTING CURRENT REGULATORY SYSTEM, EMBASSY BELIEVES WASHINGTON SHOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO INVITATION PROPOSED IN REFTEL.
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